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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

LURIE ET AL.

Examiner

Mital B. Patel

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 5/28/03.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 7-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 5, 7-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 28 May 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 9.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment/Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 5/28/03 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.
2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lurie et al (US 5,692,498) in view of Lurie et al (US 5,588,422).
5. **As to claim 1**, Lurie et al (US 5,692,498) teach a method for administering a drug to a patient, the method comprising coupling a valve system **108** to the patient's airway, wherein the valve system is configured to prevent or impede respiratory gases from flowing into the lungs until a magnitude of a threshold negative intrathoracic pressure in the range from 0 cm H₂O to about 40 cm H₂O is exceeded (**Col. 14, lines 33-59**); lowering the intrathoracic pressure using the valve system to cause blood to flow into the thorax and thereby increasing vital organ perfusion to enhance circulation

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of the drug (**Col. 13, lines 8-24**). Lurie et al (5,692,498) fail to specifically teach introducing a drug into the patient. However, Lurie et al (US 5,588,422) does teach the use of introducing a drug into a patient in conjunction with CPR in order to enhance patient survival and reduce heart and brain damage. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to introduce a drug in conjunction with the CPR valving system of Lurie et al (5,692,498) in order to enhance patient survival and reduce heart and brain damage.

6. **As to claim 2**, the above combination teaches a method wherein the patient is under cardiac arrest, and wherein the intrathoracic pressure is reduced during a decompression phase of CPR when performing CPR and also preventing or inhibiting respiratory gas flow to the lungs with the valve system.

7. **As to claim 3**, the above combination teaches a method wherein the intrathoracic pressure is reduced by breathing in while preventing or inhibiting respiratory gas flow to the lungs with the valve system.

8. **As to claim 5**, the above combination teaches a method wherein the intrathoracic pressure is reduced by squeezing the chest and relaxing the chest with a chest caress **Col.3, line 50** while preventing or inhibiting airflow to the lungs with the valve system

9. **As to claim 7**, the above combination teaches a method wherein the drug is administered by a process selected from a group consisting of intravenously, through the patient's bone, through the patient's airway, orally, nasally, endobronchially, rectally, and transdermally.

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10. **As to claim 8**, the above combination teaches a method wherein the drug is administered through a facial mask or the valve system **Col. 5, lines 5-11**.

11. **As to claim 9**, the above combination teaches a method wherein the drugs are selected from a group consisting of glucose, sodium bicarbonate, oxygen, steroids, vasopressor drugs, anti-arrhythmic drugs, anti-seizure, anti-asthma, anesthetics, and cooling solutions to cool the brain during cardiac arrest.

12. **As to claim 10**, the above combination teaches a method wherein the valve system is configured to permit respiratory gases to exit the patient's lungs, and further comprising forcing respiratory gases from the lungs and out the valve system.

13. **As to claim 11**, the above combination teaches a method wherein the valve system is configured to prevent respiratory gases from exiting the patient's lungs until a positive end expiratory pressure in the range from about 0 cm H₂O to about 20 cm H₂O is exceeded.

14. **As to claim 12**, the above combination teaches a method wherein the valve system is coupled to a facial mask that is placed over the mouth and nose, and further comprising removing the drug from the drug storage compartment of the facial mask.

15. **As to claim 13**, the above combination teaches a method wherein the valve system is coupled to an inhalation device that includes the drug, and further comprising inhaling from the inhalation device to administer the drug.

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Allowable Subject Matter

16. Claims 4 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

17. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. US 6176237.

18. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.


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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mital B. Patel whose telephone number is 703-306-5444. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:00 - 4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Weilun Lo can be reached on 703-308-1957. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-306-4520 for regular communications and 703-306-4520 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0858.

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